

Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

From: Carolyn Hope, Park Planning & Cultural Arts Manager, 556-2313, cjhope@redmond.gov
David Shaw, Park Planner, 556-2378, dashaw@redmond.gov

Date: January 6, 2016

Subject: **Update of the Redmond Park, Arts, Recreation, Culture & Conservation (PARCC) Plan and related Elements of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan**

BACKGROUND

The City of Redmond proposes to update the PARCC Plan and related elements of the Comprehensive Plan, such as the PARCC Element and Capital Facilities Element. The last PARCC Plan update was in 2010 and amendments are proposed to reflect changes in conditions since the last update; maintain the City's eligibility for grants from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office; maintain consistency with planning requirements related to the Growth Management Act and Redmond's Comprehensive Plan; and clarify existing policies and add new policies to the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments include updates to the Comprehensive Plan and PARCC Plan for levels of service; facility development; coordination; funding strategies; recreation, arts and cultural programs; trails; conservation; cultural arts; maintenance and operations; and planned capital projects. The PARCC Plan is Redmond's functional plan that addresses certain Growth Management Act requirements related to parks and recreation.

PREPARATION FOR THE JANUARY 11th PUBLIC HEARING AND STUDY SESSION

The purpose of the January 11 public hearing and study session is to hear public testimony on the proposed amendments, identify any additional discussion issues and begin to discuss and resolve issues as noted on the enclosed issues matrix.

In preparation for this meeting, please continue to review the Technical Committee Report and exhibits, review the enclosed issue matrix, and contact Dave Shaw with any additional discussion issues or questions.

In addition to the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments that staff provided in December, there are two other minor proposed amendments for consideration. These are described below and the proposed text is enclosed with this memo.

1. The Comprehensive Plan, Capital Facilities Element section F. Capital Planning References identifies functional plans that are adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff proposes to amend the title for the PARCC Plan.
2. The draft Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 10 PARCC Element has a clerical error that must be corrected. Policy PR-4 contains duplicative language that is to be removed for the final version.

Staff is following up on Commissioner Miller's inquiry at the December 14, 2016 meeting about the management of the mid-block walkways in downtown Redmond. His concern is that the City has lost some of its mid-block walkways, a valuable downtown amenity. Mid-block pathways are maintained by Public Works and staff will share this concern with department management.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

Staff anticipates that the Commission may make a recommendation to the City Council on either January 11 or 18, 2017. City Council review and action would follow afterward.

ENCLOSURES

Issues Matrix
Comprehensive Plan, Capital Facilities Element Amendment